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| In re Application of         | : |                      |
| Jan VAN EE                   | : |                      |
| Application No. 09/823,658   | : | DECISION ON PETITION |
| Filed: March 29, 2001        | : |                      |
| Attorney Docket No. US018032 | : |                      |

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 22, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action of December 11, 2007. The proposed reply required for consideration of a petition to revive must be a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2)), an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and submission (37 CFR 1.114), or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(A)(2). No extensions of time pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is March 12, 2008.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Notice of Appeal; (2) the petition fee of \$1540; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Diane Goodwyn at (571) 272-6735.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2623 to await the filing of an appeal brief or for such other appropriate reply as may be submitted to continue prosecution of the application.

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